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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
 RICHMOND DIVISION

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
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CIRCUIT CITY STORES, INC.,	:	Case No. 08-35653 (KRH)
<u>et al.</u> ,	:	
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Debtors.	:	Jointly Administered
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**MOTION TO SEAL EXHIBITS TO STIPULATED FACTS WITH RESPECT TO  
 DEBTORS' OBJECTION TO CLAIM NUMBER 1053**

The debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned cases (collectively, the "Debtors")<sup>1</sup> hereby move (the "Motion") for entry of an order substantially in the form of Exhibit A hereto, pursuant to sections 107(b)(1) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") and Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules") authorizing the Debtors in the above-captioned bankruptcy cases to file certain documents under seal. In support of the Motion, the Debtors respectfully represent:

**JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

1. The Court has jurisdiction to consider this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue of these cases and this Motion in this district is proper pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

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<sup>1</sup> The Debtors and the last four digits of their respective taxpayer identification numbers are as follows: Circuit City Stores, Inc. (3875), Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. (0785), InterTAN, Inc. (0875), Ventoux International, Inc. (1838), Circuit City Purchasing Company, LLC (5170), CC Aviation, LLC (0841), CC Distribution Company of Virginia, Inc. (2821), Circuit City Proper ties, LLC (3353), Kinzer Technology, LLC (2157), Abbott Advertising Agency, Inc. (4659), Patapsco Designs, Inc.(6796), Sky Venture Corp. (0311), PRAHS, Inc.(n/a), XSStuff, LLC (9263), Mayland MN, LLC (6116), Courchevel, LLC (n/a), Orbyx Electronics, LLC (3360), and Circuit City Stores PR, LLC (5512). The address for Circuit City Stores West Coast, Inc. is 9250 Sheridan Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80031. For all other Debtors, the address was 9950 Mayland Drive, Richmond, Virginia 23233 and currently is 4951 Lake Brook Drive, Glen Allen, Virginia 23060.

2. The statutory predicates for the relief requested herein are section 107(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 9018.

**BACKGROUND**

1. On November 10, 2008 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtors filed voluntary petitions in this Court for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

2. On November 12, 2008, the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia appointed a statutory committee of unsecured creditors (the "Creditors' Committee"). To date, no trustee or examiner has been appointed in these chapter 11 cases.

3. On January 16, 2009, the Court authorized the Debtors, among other things, to conduct going out of business sales at the Debtors' remaining 567 stores pursuant to an agency agreement (the "Agency Agreement") between the Debtors and a joint venture, as agent (the "Agent"). On January 17, 2009, the Agent commenced going out of business sales pursuant to the Agency Agreement at the Debtors' remaining stores. The going out of business sales concluded on or about March 8, 2009.

4. On September 29, 2009, the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee filed the First Amended Joint Plan Of Liquidation Of Circuit City Stores, Inc. And Its Affiliated Debtors And Debtors In Possession And Its Official Committee

Of Creditors Holding General Unsecured Claims (Bankr. Ct. Dkt. No. 5124) (the "Plan"). The associated disclosure statement (Bankr. Ct. Dkt. No. 5103) (the "Disclosure Statement") was approved on September 24, 2009.

5. Generally, the Plan provides for the liquidation of the Debtors under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code and distribution of the proceeds from such liquidation to the Debtors' creditors.

6. On June 1, 2010, the Creditors' Committee filed a separate plan. Since then, the Debtors and the Creditors' Committee have continued to attempt to reach a consensual resolution concerning the Plan.

3. Concurrently herewith, the Debtors filed the Stipulated Facts With Respect To Debtors' Objection To Claim Number 1053 (the "Stipulation"). The Stipulation contains an agreement as to the facts surrounding a section 503(b)(9) claim (Claim No. 1053) (the "Claim") filed by Graphic Communications ("Graphic") to which the Debtors intend to file a supplementary objection. The Stipulation refers to certain confidential agreements and documents (the "Documents").

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

4. By this Motion, the Debtors respectfully request entry of an order pursuant to section 107(b) and

Bankruptcy Rule 9018 granting the Debtors leave to file the Documents under seal.

**BASIS FOR RELIEF**

5. Section 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes the Court to issue orders to protect entities from potential harm caused by the disclosure of confidential information. In particular, section 107(b) provides that:

On request of a party in interest, the bankruptcy court shall, and on the bankruptcy court's own motion, the bankruptcy court may -

(1) protect an entity with respect to a trade secret or confidential research, development, or commercial information.

. . . .

11 U.S.C. § 107(b)(1).

6. In addition, pursuant to Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure:

On motion or on its own initiative, with or without notice, the court may make any order which justice requires . . . to protect the estate or any entity in respect of a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information . . . .

FED. R. BANKR. P. 9018.

7. In granting relief under section 107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, "[t]he court determines whether the subject documents fall within the provisions of § 107(b) and

the appropriate remedies if they do." In re Barney's, Inc., 201 B.R. 703, 707 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1996). If the documents in question fall within the parameters of section 107(b), "the court is required to protect a requesting party and has no discretion to deny the application." In re Orion Pictures Corp., 21 F.3d 24, 27 (2d Cir. 1994) (emphasis in original); see also In re Lomas Fin. Corp., 1991 WL 21231, at \*2 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 11, 1991) (noting the broad scope of the term "commercial information"). Public access to the confidential record should be denied if "closure is essential to preserve higher values and is narrowly tailored to serve that interest." In re Washington Post Co., 807 F.2d 383, 390 (4th Cir. 1986) (quoting Press-Enterprise I, 464 U.S. 501, 510 (1984)); see also In re Nunn, 49 B.R. 963, 965 (Bankr. E.D. Va. 1985).

8. The Documents contain confidentiality provisions and sensitive information concerning the parties' business strategies. If the Documents were made public, the Debtors believe that it could be detrimental to the Debtors' estates. To avoid detrimentally affecting the Debtors' estates at this critical stage of the Debtors' cases, the Debtors respectfully submit that the Documents should be sealed and that good cause exists for such relief.

9. The Debtors will deliver copies of the Documents to chambers for in camera review by the Court and to the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia and counsel to the Creditors' Committee.

10. The Debtors propose to serve this Motion upon: (i) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, (ii) counsel to Creditors' Committee; (iii) parties who have requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; and (iv) the Core Group (as defined in the Supplemental Case Management Order entered on November 13, 2008 at Docket No. 6208). The Debtors submit that, under the circumstances, no other or further notice of the Motion is required.

**WAIVER OF MEMORANDUM OF LAW**

11. Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(G), and because there are no novel issues of law presented in the Motion and all applicable authority is set forth in the Motion, the Debtors request that the requirement that all motions be accompanied by a separate memorandum of law be waived.

**NO PRIOR REQUEST**

12. No previous motion for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other Court.



**CONCLUSION**

WHEREFORE the Debtors respectfully request that the Court enter an order substantially in the form of Exhibit A attached hereto and grant the Debtors such other and further relief as is just.

Dated: July 2, 2010  
Richmond, Virginia

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**EXHIBIT A**

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**ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO FILE EXHIBITS UNDER SEAL**

Upon the motion (the "Motion")<sup>1</sup> of the Debtors for an Order, pursuant to section 107(b)(1) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 9018 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, wherein the Debtors requested authority to file certain documents under seal; and the Court having reviewed the Motion; and the Court having determined that the relief requested in the Motion is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties in interest; and it appearing that proper and adequate notice of the Motion has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and upon the record herein; and after due deliberation thereon; and good and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby,

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that:**

1. The Motion is GRANTED.
2. The Debtors are authorized to file the Documents under seal and provide copies of the same to Chambers for in camera review, to the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Virginia, and to counsel for the Creditors' Committee.

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

3. This Court retains jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation or interpretation of this Order.

Dated: Richmond, Virginia  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2010

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

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**CERTIFICATION OF ENDORSEMENT UNDER LOCAL RULE 9022-1(C)**

Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9022-1(C), I hereby certify that the foregoing proposed order has been endorsed by or served upon all necessary parties.

/s/ Douglas M. Foley